

TOLCHESTER BEACH BANDSTAND
Still Pond, Maryland
(ca 1885)

K-377

The old Tolchester Bandstand is an octagonal structure with a flaring, cone-shaped roof held up by chamfered wooden posts. It has a decorative wooden railings and cross bracing between the posts. On the inside of the little structure, the curved wooden rafters of the roof are exposed and tied together at the peak with a turned wooden modillion and pendant.

This Bandstand is the last major 19th century structure from the Tolchester Beach Amusement Park to survive in Kent County. It was constructed about 1885, a few years after the development of the park, and appears in a lithograph poster of 1890. At that time its roof was painted in wide red and green horizontal stripes and the body of the structure painted an umber color.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

TOLCHESTER BEACH BANDSTAND

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Bloomingneck Farm

1st

CITY, TOWN

Blooming Neck Road

Still Pond

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VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

☐ DISTRICT☐ PUBLIC☐ OCCUPIED☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ BUILDING(S)☐ PRIVATE☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ STRUCTURE☐ BOTH☐ WORK IN PROGRESS☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ SITE☒ PUBLIC ACQUISITION☒ ACCESSIBLE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ OBJECT☐ IN PROCESS☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ BEING CONSIDERED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ NO☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Harris

Telephone #: 301-778-4449

STREET & NUMBER

Harris Wharf

CITY, TOWN

Still Pond

X

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21667

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Kent County Court House

Liber #: EE 1

Folio #: 526

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

K-377

7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE 1920 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED slightly | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE 1966 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The old Tolchester Bandstand is an octagonal structure with a flaring cone-shaped roof. The sides are made up of square chamfered posts all connected near the top with cross bracing. At the junction of each cross brace is a vertical structural member finished with a diamond-shaped drop.

Decorative sawn wooden railings run between alternate posts. There are wide steps in the remaining bays. The roof is covered with metal and asphalt sheathing.

On the inside of the little structure, the curved wooden rafters of the roof are exposed and tied together at the peak with a turned wooden modillion and pendant. There are three rafters per each side of the octagon; their ends are cut into a cyma curve. The ceiling of the bandshell is made of narrow beaded boarding. The flooring, a replacement, is narrow yellow pine. Tubes and jets for gas lighting remain on the inside of the posts. Now painted green, the building originally was painted tan with a red and green striped roof.

The chairs in the photograph were also used in the Tolchester Beach Amusement Park. Although it is not visible in the photograph, they have only one arm.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | recreation | |

SPECIFIC DATES ca 1885 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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About 1920 the structure was moved to another location in the park, and in the late, 1960's, when the remaining park buildings were destroyed, moved again to this location by its present owner.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Documents & drawings in the collection of Mr. & Mrs. Walter B. Harris

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

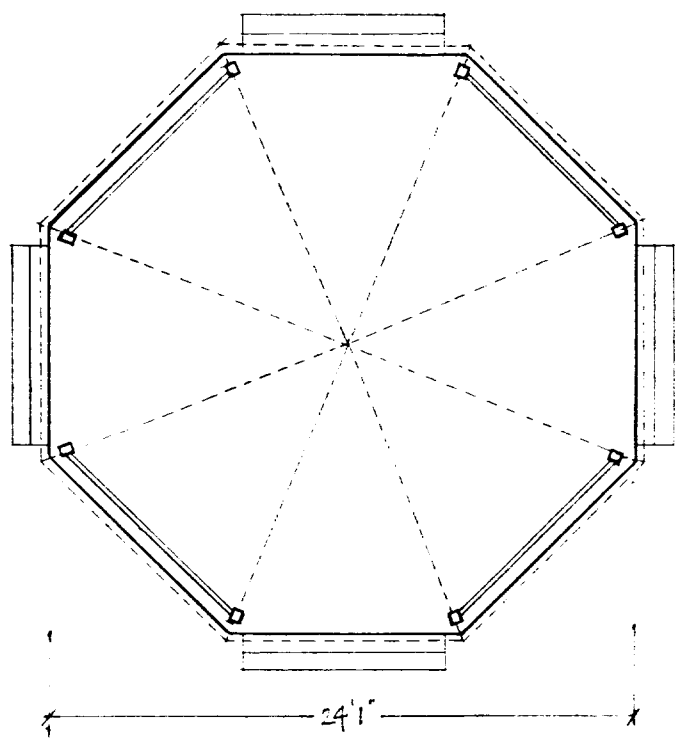
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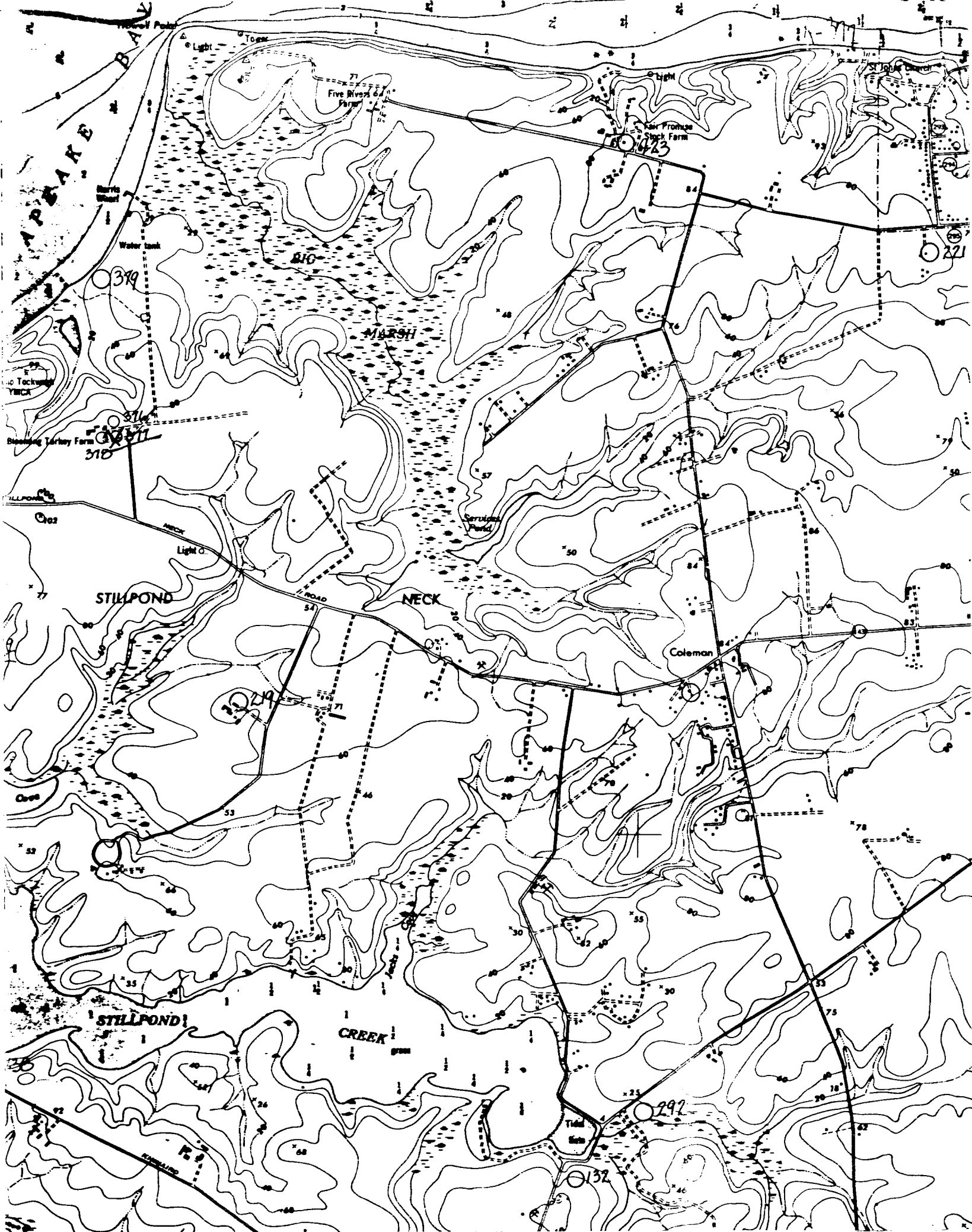
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STILL POND, MD.
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'0"







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Tolchester Beach Bandstand

View to North

Still Pond

Kent County

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7/1980

J. Tyler Campbell
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Tolchester Beach Furniture

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